

# Mike Watson Memorial Scholarship

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**This section to be completed by School Counselor**

Student's Cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Attendance: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(School Counselor's Name)

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(School Counselor's Signature)

**I give my permission for the release of this application, my transcript, GPA, and Class Rank to the Shawnee Heights Public Schools Foundation Board.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Student Signature)

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(Date)

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(Parent Signature)

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(Date)

The Mike Watson Memorial Scholarship has been established in remembrance of Michael S. Watson. Mike was a Berryton Elementary School and Shawnee Heights High School alumni. He graduated in 1998 and is remembered for being a very affable person that was involved in many aspects of high school, including clubs and sports. Mike was an upstanding and extraordinarily social person who will be remembered for his loyalty, friendly demeanor, and phenomenal sense of humor. The scholarship will be awarded to an individual that best represents the great qualities that Mike demonstrated throughout his life.

The scholarship will be given to a Shawnee Heights High School senior who is pursuing a bachelor's degree at an accredited institution. Applicants are asked to answer five questions in short essay format. A formal interview may be conducted with the finalists to determine the scholarship recipient if further differentiation is required. *If needed, please feel free to add additional paper if necessary to answer the questions. However, please keep narratives to a minimum.*

**Question 1:** Mike was a very involved student throughout his high school career. Please describe the activities you have been involved in at Shawnee Heights. Please include the roles you served in, the responsibilities that came along with them, and how those experiences have better prepared you for your journey throughout college and life.

**Question 2:** Mike was known as a very loyal person, not only to friends and family, but to teachers as well. If a fellow student or teacher was asked to describe you, what would be their response? *Please use specific examples of at least one student and one teacher.* Include examples of what you have learned during your time at Shawnee Heights High School about building relationships and how you plan to use this in college and in life.

**Question 3:** Growing up, Mike always had aspirations of becoming a sports broadcaster. He eventually accomplished this goal through hard work, passion and determination. Mike was able to sharpen his skills at his local university and eventually earned a spot on local television announcing numerous sporting events. Tell us about something you aspire to achieve, what you have done to work toward this goal, and how you plan to continue working at the next level to accomplish your goal.

**Question 4:** Each person is unique. Mike is remembered for his strong interpersonal qualities (loyalty, friendliness, and contagious sense of humor). What are your strongest qualities and how have you used those qualities during your high school career?

**Question 5:** Although we all like to focus on our strongest qualities, realistic introspection is critical throughout life. Mike recognized that it was important to be aware of areas that were not considered strengths and work to improve upon those areas. What is the one aspect of yourself that you feel needs the most improvement and how do you plan to improve this area to ensure your success in the future?  
*Please be specific.*

**Application Deadline:**  
**No later than 3:00 P.M.**  
**March 1 of the current year**

**RETURN APPLICATION TO:**  
Mike Watson Memorial Scholarship  
Shawnee Heights High School  
Attn: Counseling Center  
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Tecumseh, KS 66542